

## El Niño proves it sets record global temperatures

### B2+/C1 Grammar pairs cloze: reporting verbs

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| 1. A. note / B. assume           | 6. A. investigates / B. warns        |
| 2. A. estimates / B. establishes | 7. A. notes / B. reveal              |
| 3. A. identify / B. warn         | 8. A. propose / B. assume            |
| 4. A. outline / B. hint at       | 9. A. illustrate / B. state          |
| 5. A. proves / B. acknowledges   | 10. A. puts forward / B. illustrates |

Planet Earth's global average temperature has topped records this month, 1. \_\_\_\_\_ researchers. July's heatwave 2. \_\_\_\_\_ a new record reaching into the decimal points of 17.18 degrees Celsius. Countries around the world have been gripped by the sudden warmth. Scientists 3. \_\_\_\_\_ a number of causes for this, one being the return of a weather pattern called El Niño.

In Spanish *El Niño* means *The Boy*, and is the term for when the surface water temperature of the Pacific Ocean rises. Because of this marine change, experts 4. \_\_\_\_\_ even higher temperature fluctuations. Climate researcher Leon Simons 5. \_\_\_\_\_ the record is not encouraging. He 6. \_\_\_\_\_ it is "a significant symbolic milestone in our warming world", and that because of El Niño we are on the threshold of "a lot more daily, monthly and annual records breaking in the next 1.5 years".

This July shattered the previous record temperature of 16.92C from August 2016. Data 7. \_\_\_\_\_ that this was during the previous El Niño cycle. Other calculations by scientists 8. \_\_\_\_\_ that this July was the hottest in about 125,000 years.

What has also been instrumental to the new record is the increase in carbon dioxide. Societies 9. \_\_\_\_\_ this underlying problem with their dependence on vehicles and the exhaust fumes they make. To combat the problem and raise awareness, the phrase *net zero* is often used. This phrase 10. \_\_\_\_\_ the aim of no harmful emissions being made by society's actions.

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